Derailment of Shramjivi Express

1158. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether inquiry into the causes of derailment of the Shramjivi Express on 12th May, 2002, near Jaunpur, has been completed; if so, the details of the findings; and

(b) the steps taken and being taken to prevent recurrence of such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Action can be taken on receipt of Final Inquiry Report of the Commissioner of Railway Safety.

Route Passes to A.H. Wheeler and Co.

1159. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of 1st and IInd Class card passes are being issued to A.H. Wheeler and Co., for travel on Indian Railways;

(b) if so, whether any amount is being recovered from them, in lieu of the issue of these passes; and

(c) if not, how the loss so incurred to Government revenue is being made up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s. A.H. Wheeler and Co. has been allowed free passes to supervise the working of their bookstalls on Indian Railways as per the agreement entered with them. The Company pays to the Railways a certain percentage on their sales turnoer as royalty, which is fixed by the Railway Ministry from time to time. At present M/s. A.H. Wheeler and Co. is paying royalty at the rate of 4% of their sales turnover.